

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A; Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING, NOTICE of FILING, and NOTICE of PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

for

Amendment to the Regional Water Quality Control Plan of the North Coast Region
Shasta River Watershed Water Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Total Maximum Daily Loads

PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF FILING

This public notice of adoption and notice of filing is to inform interested persons that the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a proposed amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan) that will include the Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Total Maximum Daily Load Action Plan for the Shasta River watershed. The Public Hearing in Fortuna will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Water Board. The time given refers to the start of the meeting. Please see the May agenda for an approximate start time for this item. Action on this item will be taken immediately at the close of this hearing.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Water Board is the lead state agency charged with the protection of water quality in the North Coast Region, which encompasses watersheds from the Oregon state border to the Estero de San Antonio that drain to the Pacific Ocean, and includes Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties and portions of Siskiyou, Sonoma, Glenn, Modoc, Lake and Marin counties. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives and action plans to meet those objectives. The Regional Water Board conducts a formal public process for all amendments to the Basin Plan. The Shasta River watershed is listed as impaired by elevated water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels. Staff of the Regional Water Board are proposing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address the impairments and an Action Plan to implement the TMDLs in the Shasta River watershed. The proposed Action Plan and TMDLs address the sources elevated water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen levels in the watershed and would be added to Chapter 4 of the Basin Plan. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider adoption of the proposed TMDLs and Action Plan.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The full text of the proposed Basin Plan Amendment and the supporting Staff Report will be available by May 3, 2006 and can be obtained on the Regional Water Board website at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/programs/tmdl/shasta/shasta.html> or by calling the Regional Water Board at 707-576-2220. Additional or alternate regulations or policies consistent with the general purpose of the amendment, and complementary to the proposed rules, are under consideration or may be developed as a logical outgrowth of the amendment.

FORTUNA PUBLIC HEARING

Date: May 17, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: River Lodge Conference Center
1800 Riverwalk Drive
Fortuna, CA 95540

Directions to the Fortuna hearing location may be obtained by calling Ms. Lauren Clyde at 707-576-2674. The workshop location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the workshop should contact Jean Lockett, Executive Assistant at 707-576-2307, at least five days prior to the scheduled workshop. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Members of the public and interested parties will be provided an opportunity to present oral and/or written testimony during the hearing. The formal public comment period was noticed and began on February 7th and will end on April 3, 2006. Regional Water Board staff will respond to comments submitted before the hearing as required by law and Regional Water Board policy. Time limits may be imposed on oral testimony at the hearing. Written comments should be submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board at the following address:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
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ATTN: Ms. Lauren Clyde

CONTACT PERSON

Questions regarding the proposed Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen TMDLs and Action Plan or the Public Hearing should be directed to Ms. Lauren Clyde at 707-576-2674
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